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General Story Line of Lecture Film

"HIMALAYAN HOLIDAY"

by

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My Himalayan film will cover in geographical scope the entire Asian mountain mass from Kashmir to Assam. The general pattern of presentation will begin with an introduction to India, entering Calcutta, expedition preparations in Benares, arrival in New Delhi, bus ride to Kashmir. The substance of the film will commence in Kashmir, and move in a general geographically-chronological order from West to East. After Kashmir, the source of the Ganges will be investigated, then Southwestern Tibet, next Eastern Nepal and Assam, and finally Sikkim.

The film will highlight the following factors:

- (1) Complete geographical description of the Himalayas, the caravan and possible invasion routes.
- (2) Intimate community and personal life of the peoples dwelling in the Himalayas and the pilgrims that are drawn annually to the snows.
- (3) Importance of the Himalayas as a political barrier for India and as a possible bulwark against Communist aggression.
- (4) Adventurous experiences of the lecturer as he seeks the sacred mountain tops, following the Hindu pilgrims in their quest for salvation.

The sequence break-down of the film will be as follows:

I Introduction:

Hagopian lecture trademark appears, dissolves to
Mountain crest, dissolve to
Title, "Himalayan Holiday", dissolve to
Men on trail, dissolve to
Entire mountain chain, dissolve to
Hermits on snowy mountain tops, dissolve to
Map of Asia, Himalayas appearing, camera moving close to India, then toward Calcutta.

II Entrance to India and background

Ships in Calcutta harbor
Street activity
Train station
Moving train towards Benares
Indian landscape
Map of Northern India, Benares appearing
Benares as expedition headquarters
Lecturer's home life in Benares
Discussing project of Himalayan venture
with others

Expectant plans

Map of Himalayas showing scope of project
and general orientation from West to
East, (physical and political map) and
indicating Himalayas as part of chain
from Alps to Java

Rickshaw on way to train station
New Delhi, last touch with civilization
Bus ride to Kashmir.

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III Kashmir as holiday paradise of Asia

Srinagar, lake, houseboats, tourists	Fishing
riding horses	Crafts and wares of Kashmir
Life on a houseboat	U.N. relief team
Shalimar gardens	Moslem ceremony - Maharam
Logging	Influence of Moslems, Hindus, and
Market place	Chinese Buddhists

IV Isolated mountain village in Ganges Canyon

Return to India	Villagers on trail
Map showing Hardwar	The remote and isolated village of Phala
Religious activity at foot of Mountains	Bamboo aqueduct
Holy men and bathing festivities	Flowing and thrashing
Start on trail for climb into South-	Repairing home
western Tibet	Cooking
Pilgrims on trail	Children in school, open air, using
Traders on trail	wooden slates
Goats on trail	Post office at 10,000 feet, last one in
Mountain peaks	Himalayas
Uttar Kashi and other overnight stops	Village government
Changing terrain	

V Indo-Tibetan Traders

Pilgrims on trail	Laundry
Traders on trail moving higher	Care of babies
The three villages of the traders	Children playing
Arrival at Gangstri	Tibetans and Indo-Tibetans traders
Source of the Sacred Ganges	Market place
Mountain streams, hydro electric potential	Bringing in wool
Snow peaks	Weaving and spinning
Prayer flags	Bartering, shearing lambs
Himalayan map - model in relief as land	Lhasa officials recording
frontier, part of world chain mountain	Lhasa officials taking census
rising by stress from north. Three	Village chief collecting taxes (income)
rivers - Ganges, Hindus, Bramaputra -	ensuing arguments
Lateral mountain belts - jungles,	Tibetan wearing boots
temperature, peaks, Tibetan plateau,	Tibetans cooking
Passes into Tibet	Prayer flags
Traders crossing bridge	Goat sacrifice and feast
Landslide	Lama moving on
Mountain agriculture, 12 - 14,000 feet	Traders and pilgrims moving on
Waiting for Tibetans to arrive for trade	Climbing higher
Playing Tibetan dice game with Tibetans	Land of perpetual snows
Indo-Tibetan school	

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VI Nepal

Map of Nepal and related Himalayan states	Buddhist influences
Landscape of region	Farming
The terai jungles	Nepalese dance
Elephants	Tea growing in Nepal
Monkeys	

VII Assam

Map, relating area to Chinese communist activity	Chinese influence
Racial types	Cherapungi, area of world's greatest rainfall
	Kashi dance

VIII Sikkim and Ascent to Zemu Glacier

Back to Calcutta	Prayer flags
Preparations for Zemu trip	Moving higher
Tea and relaxation in Calcutta	Putting up tent
Train ride to Darjeeling	More prayer flags
Kalimpong	More mighty mountains, 23,000 - 28,000 ft.
Tibetan wool traders	Climbing higher
Trail scenes	Zemu Glacier
Drinking Tibetan tea	Sunset on Mt. Kinchinjunga
Drinking rice juice from bamboo glasses	Devils dance in honor of Kirchjurga
Lochen monastery	

IX Conclusion

Significance of mountains	Montage of faces dissolved with mountain peaks
Strategic value, economic value	
Homeland of 18,000,000 people	Hermits and mountain crests

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